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Ammunition Dump, Vicinity of Mamarchevo Village

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1. An ammunition dump is located about 1500 meters east of Mamarchevo village in a valley known as Dulbokiya Alchak. The dump covers an area of about 1500 x 1500 meters and is surrounded by a double row of barbed wire entanglements. Unauthorized persons are forbidden to enter the area.

(Reference is made to Appendix A

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2. At the ammunition dump there are seven 15 x 10 meter underground depots. Only the tile roofs can be seen above ground. They are built at 200-300 meter intervals and were built by Army units in 1951.

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3. In the southwest corner of the dump area there is a 15 x 10 meter, one-story barracks building housing about 30 privates of the "Skala" unit who are assigned to guard the dump area. Sentries are posted throughout the area.

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4. The barracks building is connected by a special telephone line with an observation post located at the top of "Tetra Bayur" hill located south of the dump. The barracks building is also connected by telephone with Mamarchevo village.

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5. In April 1953, villagers of Mamarchevo village built a road connecting the dump area with the Elkhovo-Voden road. This road is about 1000-1500 meters long. It follows the "Demezhdezh" stream, which flows north, and crosses it about halfway between the dump and the highway.

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- 25X1 6. In February 1952, villagers of Mamarchevo [redacted] helped move wooden crates of mines into the ammunition dump. Each crate contained two steel plated cylindrical mines, 40 centimeters in diameter and 15 centimeters high. [redacted]

Fortifications Near Mamarchevo Village

- 25X1 7. There are fortification lines encircling the heights of "Mashalata," "Depohi Punar" and "Tetra Bayur" hills (see Appendix A). There are similar east-west fortification lines in the meadows near Mamarchevo. Infantry posts are located at 10 meter intervals along the lines. Machine gun posts are located at 25-30 meter intervals and shelters at about 50 meter intervals. These fortification lines were built in 1951. They have not been repaired since then and have deteriorated considerably.
- 25X1 8. There are about 30 rows of fortification lines in a forest near Golyamo Sharkovo village (N 42-03, E 26-49).
9. There are no barbed wire entanglements, tank traps or road blocks in the vicinity of Mamarchevo village.
- 25X1 10. There are four concrete bunkers, at 800-1000 meter intervals located about 1000-1500 meters south of Mamarchevo village on hills used as the village vineyards. These were built prior to 1944 and have not been repaired. The barbed wire surrounding them and the doors have completely deteriorated. No concrete bunkers have been built recently in the vicinity.
- 25X1 "Skala" Unit<sup>1</sup>
- 25X1 11. At the end of 1951 an Army unit with code name "Skala" settled in Mamarchevo village. Members of this unit are billeted in three large houses, formerly belonging to Chervenkov (fnu) in the center of the village.
- 25X1 12. The unit complement is about 800 men. The actual strength in Mamarchevo varies between 300 and 800 men. Members of the unit are sent to nearby villages. At no time since their first arrival has the entire unit left Mamarchevo. There are about 40 officers of this unit located in Mamarchevo. The highest ranking officer that informant has seen was a captain. Some of the privates wear red and black epaulets.
- 25X1 13. Members of this unit are equipped with submachine guns having flat round magazines, carbines and heavy machine guns. The unit has firing practices on the upper slopes of "Tetra Bayur" hill (see Appendix A).
14. During the summer of 1953, about thirty guns drawn by three pairs of horses were parked in front of the billets of the "Skala" unit for about 10 days. They then left for an unknown destination. The guns were mounted on rubber tires. Their barrels were about 150 centimeters long, and the caliber was approximately 15 centimeters.
15. Members of the "Skala" unit inspect the fortification lines on a continuing basis, but [redacted] never seen them man the fortification lines. There are "Skala" unit of unknown size located in Malko Sharkovo (N 42-06, E 26-50) and Lalkovo (N 42-05, E 26-43) villages.

16. [redacted] officers in the "Skala" unit:
- a. Senior First Lieutenant Mitev (fnu) [redacted] attached to the "Skala" unit in Mamarchevo village [redacted]
- b. First Lieutenant Yani Angelov Boydadzhiev [redacted] attended the military school in Sofia after completing the gimnaziya; became a first lieutenant in 1953; currently serves as an officer in the unit of the "Skala" located in Malko Sharkovo [redacted]

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Transportation and Border Controls, Elkhovo Okoliya

- 25X1 17. Train travelers from the interior of Bulgaria first have their documents checked in Elkhovo station. This check is made at the regular exit to the railroad station. [ ] this check point can be avoided by going out of the open sides of the station.
- 25X1 18. [ ] never observed documents being checked on buses going between Elkhovo and Mamarchevo or on transportation going from Mamarchevo to Gabrovo.
- 25X1 19. Burgas-Elkhovo buses do not pass through Mamarchevo but take a cut-off about two kilometers east of Mamarchevo. Passengers for Elkhovo or Burgas get the bus at the beginning of this cut-off. The Elkhovo-Burgas bus passes about 9 a.m., and the Burgas-Elkhovo bus passes about 12 a.m.
20. The Elkhovo-Voden buses pass through Mamarchevo village. The Elkhovo-Voden bus passes through Mamarchevo about 5 p.m.
- 25X1 21. [ ]
22. [ ] bridges on the Elkhovo-Burgas road:
- 25X1 a. A 15 meter wooden bridge located 300-400 meters southeast of Dobrich village (N 42-10, E 26-41); and
- b. A 12-15 meter reinforced concrete bridge located on the outskirts of Bolyarovo village in the direction of Mamarchevo village.
- 25X1 23. [ ] construction of a railroad from Elkhovo to Burgas via Mamarchevo has just been started and that a railroad is to be built joining Elkhovo and Topolovgrad. No roads are currently under construction in the vicinity of Mamarchevo.

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The following is a key to Appendix A

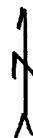
- 1-2 Elkhovo-Voden road
- 3 Demezhdezh stream
- 4 Dulbokiya Alchak valley
- 5 Mashalata Bayur
- 6 Depchi Punar Bayur
- 7 Tetra Bayur
- 8 Underground ammunition depots
- 9 Barracks for guards
- 10 Mamarchevo village
- 11 Valley
- xxx Barbed wire
- T T Telephone line

- △ Observation post
- Concrete bunker

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